

REV. DR. SOOY

Has Accepted the Call of Fourth Street Church.

DR. RIKER LEAVES WHEELING

Next October, and the New Minister will Come then, Providing the Conference Sanctions the Call—Dr. Riker May Go to Dr. Sooy's Church in Des Moines—He Has a Call from a Cleveland Church, too—Services at Wesley M. E. Church.

The congregation of the Fourth Street M. E. church has selected the successor to Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker, whose four years' term as pastor of the church ends October 1, of this year. The congregation at a meeting recently held decided to send a call to Rev. J. L. Sooy, D.D., pastor of the First M. E. church, Des Moines, Iowa, with the request that he arrange to take charge of the pulpit of the Fourth Street church at the expiration of Dr. Riker's time. A favorable answer has been received from Dr. Sooy, and all that remains to be done is for the bishop to announce the appointment.

Dr. Sooy is one of the best known and most talented divines in the Methodist church, and the news of his coming to Wheeling will be received with general rejoicing by all who have ever heard or read his sermons.

The church in which he preaches at present, is one of the largest and most influential in the west, and the members of Fourth Street church are fortunate to secure so prominent a minister as their prospective pastor.

Dr. Riker has not accepted a call, but is considering several. He has one from the church Dr. Sooy is about to leave, also one from a church in Cleveland. He will probably decide in a few weeks.

Special services will be arranged at the church as a farewell to the present pastor and the installation of the new one, both of which will no doubt, be very impressive.

Wesley M. E. Church.

The exercises at the Wesley M. E. church yesterday consisted of a fine sermon in the morning by Rev. L. W. Roberts. In the afternoon the Sunday school was very well attended, and final preparations were completed for a picnic to be held at Belmont Park by the Epworth League and Sunday school on the Fourth of July. A boat to take them is to leave LaBelle landing at 7:30 a. m. A large crowd will go.

Last night Presiding Elder Moore preached to a large audience and the Lord's Supper was administered by him, assisted by the pastor of the church.

CORNER STONE LAID

At Moundsville of the New Public School Building.

The corner stone of the new Moundsville public school building was laid Saturday afternoon and it was one of the most successful and impressive affairs ever taking place in the Mound City. The ceremonies were under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity and were conducted in a perfect manner.

The town was in gala attire for the occasion, flags and bunting being displayed on every building. Hundreds of strangers were present, and the streets were thronged with people. At one o'clock the officers and members of the Masonic fraternity headed by the band formed a procession and marched to the site of the school building. The crowd here was immense and it was with difficulty that the officers could shoulder their way through to the platform.

The officers in charge of the ceremonies were: Right Worshipful Joseph Hall, Junior Grand Warden; at Grand Master, Most Worshipful Robert White, Past Grand Master; at Deputy Grand Master, Past Master, C. B. Oldham, at Senior Grand Warden; Past Master, J. N. Carle, of Powhatan, as Junior Grand Warden; Brother O. L. Holladay, as Grand Treasurer; Past Master L. G. Brock, as Grand Secretary; Most Worshipful George W. Atkinson, Rev. Grand Master, as Grand Chaplain; Brother E. A. Clarke, of Grator, as Brother; E. S. Olson, Worshipful Master, and Fred. T. Bourne, Senior Grand Steward; Past Master J. B. Hicks, as Grand Marshal; Brother T. W. Biles, Grand Tyler.

Upon arriving at the school the exercises were opened at once by Grand Master Hall, who made an address appropriate to the occasion. He was followed by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Hon. George W. Atkinson, who was the orator of the day. Mr. Atkinson spoke at length, dwelling on the question of public schools and the benefits derived from them since their establishment in West Virginia. He called attention to the statistics, which show a lesser amount of crime where educational advantages are greater, and compared the magnificent structure about to be erected at a cost of \$50,000, to those of a few short years ago, when a log cabin was considered an ideal school house. Mr. Atkinson also spoke of the appropriateness of the Free Masons laying the corner stone and told of the vast number of like ceremonies they performed each year. He called attention to the emblems of the order, the level and square and drew a pretty picture therefrom. He concluded by placing the stone in position, after which Colonel Robert White addressed the audience and the grand lodge repaired to the temple, where the session was closed in regular form.

NEARLY DROWNED.

Narrow Escape of a Fulton Boy in Berry's Swimming Hole.

Yesterday afternoon a Fulton boy, named John Neuhardt, who was in swimming in Wheeling creek at Berry's hole, east of the city, had a remarkably narrow escape from being drowned. He had gone down on the third time, when George Butts, a son of Councilman George Butts, of East Wheeling, dived for the nearly dead bather and succeeded in bringing him to the surface and to the bank, where he was brought to consciousness after a hard struggle. Thus Berry's hole, where so many have met death in the water, was cheated out of another victim.

A Public Installation.

Black Prince Lodge No. 19, K. of P., will hold a public installation of its newly elected officers at their castle, corner Twenty-seventh and Chapline streets, next Thursday evening at eight o'clock, to which the public in general is cordially invited. The regular meeting of the lodge will take place earlier than usual on account of the public exercises, and six candidates for the public degree of rank of page, will be initiated. A special programme has been prepared for the installation exercises, consisting of songs, recitations and comic sketches.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

He had climbed Mt. Blane without a guide. Explored the Mammoth cave by dark. But he met his fate on the day he died. He was lost in the weeds in Haller's Park.

The new city water main will be laid to the island next month, or at least as soon as the river gets low enough to permit it.

N. P. Bruno, a cigar-maker, broke his leg on South Chapline street, Saturday, and was taken to the Wheeling hospital for treatment.

There are thirteen cases of drunks and disorders for the mayor to act upon in police court this morning. The police had a little more to do Saturday night than usual.

Fred. Nieninger, the Bridgeport butcher who a short time ago was run into by the Baltimore & Ohio Pittsburgh express, will begin a suit for \$50,000 damages against the company.

William Caves was arrested Saturday on a warrant sworn out by W. S. Kramer, charging him with stealing a skiff. He was sent to jail to await a hearing before Justice Phillips to-day.

Squire Arkle thought it about time to make another state poll Saturday night. He had his men raid Maud Smith's house on Twenty-first street. The inmates "got on" and when the officers arrived at the house the landlady was the only occupant.

W. J. Abbott, a jeweler from Pocomantas, Virginia, was in the city Saturday and yesterday looking for his wife, who, he says, skipped out with another man, taking about \$150 in jewelry with her. About the time he had finished his tale of woe at police headquarters, another man came in and wanted his wife arrested for insisting in living with him.

A special meeting of the chamber of commerce has been called for to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Important matters will be presented for the consideration of the members, and a large and representative attendance is desired. The meeting was called for Monday evening, but it has been changed to the following evening.

At the instance of Maud Smith, who conducts a house of ill fame, a warrant was issued in Justice Fitzpatrick's court, for the arrest of Grace Wilson, a former inmate of the Smith house. The warrant was placed in Constable Anderson's hands. The woman was staying in Martin's Ferry. A scheme to abduct and bring her to West Virginia so that she could be arrested was carried out with the assistance of a hackman and others. The arrest was not made at the White Cloud hotel, as was claimed.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Mr. William Weihe, of Pittsburgh, who was president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers during the famous Homestead strike, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Stamm. Mr. Weihe is at present connected with the immigration bureau of the government. He is now at work in the central states securing the opinions of men in all walks of life as to the evils of immigration. All over the country, says Mr. Weihe, there is a growing opposition to free and almost unrestricted immigration into this country.

Ed. F. Davis, of Pittsburgh, is at the Stamm house.

J. C. Collins, of Dayton, Ohio, is staying at the Howell.

George S. Reed, of Rochester, Pa., is a guest at the Stamm.

William T. Hance, of Barnesville, O., was in town yesterday.

C. B. Fulton, of Pittsburgh, was in town yesterday afternoon.

S. R. Hume, of Cumberland, Md., is staying at the Windsor.

H. B. Helms, of Steubenville, Ohio, was at the McClure yesterday.

W. P. Odell, of Boston, a travelling man, registered at the Stamm yesterday.

Neff Laine, of Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Wheeling, is stopping at the Windsor.

W. A. Scott returned in town yesterday from a trip taken in the interests of one of the local potteries.

Mrs. R. P. Lynch's mother, father and two brothers, of Muncie, Indiana, are visiting her in Astoria.

H. P. McGregor left over the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling for Mount Clemens, on Saturday, to be gone three weeks.

Mr. Frank Hukill, wife and children, of Pittsburgh, were in the city yesterday, on their way to Powhatan, Ohio, for a visit of a few weeks.

Among West Virginians registered at the Windsor were: E. T. Allen, Grafton; G. A. Eke, Parkersburg; and John McMahon, Sistersville.

Among the West Virginians at the McClure yesterday were: T. G. Graham, Proctor; Joseph W. Gallagher, Moundsville; and W. H. Baker, Fairmont.

The following West Virginians stopped at the Howell yesterday: J. S. Sidwell, Grafton; N. F. Tuttle, Mannington; Dan Stephen, Smithfield; R. C. McBride, Grafton.

Messrs. W. H. Byss and Rudolph Schott leave this morning for a week's trip through Ohio on their wheels, striking New Philadelphia, Canton and northern Ohio towns.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Pittsburgh, REN. HUR, 4:30 a. m.

Pittsburgh, BETHA, 5 a. m.

Pittsburgh, KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m.

Cincinnati, VIRGINIA, 11 a. m.

Sistersville, JEWEL, 7 a. m.

Zanesville, LOREN, 4 a. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Steubenville, ENOS TAYLOR, 2:30 p. m.

Parkersburg, LIBERTY, 11 a. m.

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Cincinnati, KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m.

Parkersburg, LIBERTY, 11 a. m.

Steubenville, ENOS TAYLOR, 2:30 p. m.

Clarington, JEWEL, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The Keystone State departed on time for Pittsburgh, yesterday morning.

The Keystone State, Captain Knox, leaves for Cincinnati to-morrow, at 8 a. m.

The Ben Hur is the Parkersburg packet to-day, leaving at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The river marks last evening indicated 9 feet 5 inches and falling. Temperature clear and warm.

The Virginia was delayed two hours coming down yesterday morning, and did not get off till 11 o'clock.

The Jewel took an excursion to Sistersville yesterday morning and got back last night at 9 o'clock.

The following boats passed down with coal, on Saturday: Robert Jenkins, 3 p. m.; Voyager, 9 p. m.; on Sunday, the m. t. Williams, Rescue and Cyclone, at 11 a. m.; Benton, 2 a. m.; Bertha, at 11 a. m.; Charles Cook, 10 a. m.; the Frank Gilmore at noon.

Another Coal Fleet Disabled.

The Pittsburgh coal fleet met with disaster at Brown's Island, on the river, Saturday night the Acorn sank a coal boat in the channel and the Volunteer sank a barge on the bar. The Joseph

B. Williams sank a coal boat. Yesterday morning the Frank Gilmore sank three barges and one coal boat and grounded another boat. The John W. Allen to prevent wrecking her fleet grounded it at the head of the island. In trying to pass down with a coal boat it was grounded by the Allen. The tornado has torn out the boat sunk by the Acorn. Other boats are double-tripping past the wrecked coal barges. The steamboatmen compare the Acorn to not notifying the boats above of the sunken barges.

River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 1 foot 10 inches and falling. Weather warm, clear and pleasant.

WARREN—River 1 foot 3 inches and falling. Fair and warm.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 10 inches and falling. Fair and pleasant.

MORGANTOWN—River 8 feet 9 inches and falling. Cloudy and warm.

STEUBENVILLE—River 9 feet 3 inches and falling. Clear and warm.

POINT PLEASANT—River 16 feet 1 inch and rising. Cloudy and warm.

CINCINNATI—River 20 feet 5 inches and rising. Clear. Mercury 78.

PITTSBURGH—River 7.4 feet and falling at the dam. Weather clear and pleasant.

LAWN FETE AT ECHO POINT.

A Brilliant Summer Gathering Saturday Afternoon and Evening.

Miss Mamie Grubb and Mr. Chauncey Dewey gave a lawn fete to their numerous friends, at Echo Point, Saturday afternoon and evening, and it was a most brilliant summer gathering. Those who attended, numbering about seventeen, went out on the different motors, while others drove out. The afternoon quickly sped with a lawn tennis tournament, and rambles through the beautiful grounds. At 6 o'clock supper was served on the extensive porch of the Grubb mansion. The supper was in itself a work of the culinary art, the numerous delicacies being greatly enjoyed by the guests. While the supper was on a colored minstrel troupe discoursed pleasing selections. Later in the evening the grounds were lighted with the most elaborate Japanese illuminations, and with the bright colored summer dresses of the ladies, the scene presented was indeed a beautiful one. The guests then adjourned to the barn, where dancing was indulged in for several hours, to the music of Kilmeyer. At 11 o'clock the guests departed, all having had a royal time.

IN BUSY BENWOOD.

What People Are Doing and Saying in the Industrial Town.

The new lodge of D. L. of F. was instituted yesterday by Second and Third Grand Master Hannehan, of Indianapolis. The new lodge started with twenty-five members. The officers are as follows: A. L. Helmer, master; J. K. Lemly, vice-master; John L. Lyndette, secretary; John Schaefer, collector; J. A. Schaefer, treasurer; J. D. Fournier, delegate. Among the visitors were J. Little, F. Finner, John Dalinson, A. L. Helmer, R. Kane, J. Kane and several other members of Ohio lodges. Mr. Hannehan was very well pleased with the new lodge. The lodge extended thanks to Senright division, D. L. of F., for use of hall, and to Mr. Peter Dolan for courtesies extended.

Saturday evening Squire Riddle sold at auction a two-horse wagon and a team of mules which belonged to the Favorite Preserving Company, of Ambler, Pa., to satisfy the claim of Charles Morningstar, of Wheeling.

T. Roseberry, Dr. Dowler, William Leach, George Conners and William Schadt will attend the senatorial convention at Moundsville to-morrow.

Several families from Benwood, have moved to the Moundsville camp ground for the summer months and more will be going soon.

Mr. Arthur Garvey returned yesterday from Dayton, O., where he has been attending the convention of the Knights of St. John.

Quite a number of people from here attended the funeral of William Snodgrass in Bellaire yesterday afternoon.

Guy Dolbarr, Chris Sprouts and Charles Daily returned Saturday from a week's outing at Proctor.

Mr. James Gately has returned from the Wheeling hospital, where he has been undergoing treatment.

S. L. Gump severely sprained his right hand yesterday while at work at the Haverhill steel works.

The funeral of the little daughter of John Meyers took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Franco base ball team will play the M. & W. Deegan base ball team on the Riverside grounds.

Messrs. Gay Shaw, James Mahood and Hattel Manning, of Moundsville, are in town.

The Wheeling steel plant will resume work to-day after a shut-down of a week. James Moran, who has been laid up with a broken leg, is able to be out on crutches.

James Smith has returned from an extended visit to friends in the south.

John Jenkins has returned from a visit to his parents, at Powell's station.

Mrs. David Hare and daughter, of Steubenville, are visiting in town.

Miss Grandstaff, of Moundsville, is the guest of Miss Helen Martin.

Miss Lena Neibergall is home from a visit to Steubenville, O.

Miss Della Deegan is slowly recovering from a long sick spell.

Peter Joyce leaves this evening for a trip to Pittsburgh.

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House, 7 rooms, hal and large lot, 11th st., \$1,500.

Lots on Lind st. and McCulloch st., East Wheeling, \$50 to \$125 each.

House, 5 rooms, brick, Jacob st., 1st ward, \$2,500.

House, 6 rooms and 3 roomed house in rear, 5th ward, on easy terms, \$2,000.

Building site for dwelling, Chapline st., 5th ward.

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